GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF LAKES AND COASTAL AREAS IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to implement a Master Plan for development of lakes and coastal areas of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether the said plan is likely to be implemented during Ninth Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith funds allocated for the plan;

(d) whether the Government propose to take some other steps to ensure ecology of surrounding areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) to (e) There is no Master Plan for development of lakes and coastal areas of Maharashtra.However, under National Lake Conservation Plan, ten urban lakes including Powai lake from Maharashtra have been identified for conservation and management. However, National Lake Conservation Plan has not been approved by the Government so far.Government also issued the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991 under the Environment Protection Act, 1986 to protect and preserve the coastal environment.This notification regulates development in specified coastal areas of the country. No development is permitted in ecologically sensitive areas in the Coastal Regulation Zone.Under a separate scheme on Conservation and Management of Mangroves and Coral Reefs, the Government has identified seven mangrove areas in Maharashtra for intensive conservation and management.